

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street

Dear Supervisors:

Los Angeles, CA 90012

March 17, 2005

DOMINGUEZ PUMP PLANT - ENGINE, PUMPS, AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION AND AUTHORITY TO PROCEED
DOMINGUEZ GAP SPREADING GROUNDS - PARCELS 6U AND 6IE
APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION AND SETTLEMENT
CITY OF LONG BEACH
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4
3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

- 1. Find that the Dominguez Pump Plant Engine, Pumps, and Electrical System Replacement project to replace two pumps and the obsolete diesel engines that power them, and the associated electrical system at the Dominguez Pump Plant, is exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- 2. Authorize the Department of Public Works to carry out the project.
- 3. Approve the acquisition of easements, from Long Beach Area Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, for the natural gas line in Parcel 6U (4,535 square feet) and

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for ingress and egress in Parcel 6IE (5,673 square feet) required for the Dominguez Pump Plant - Engine, Pumps, and Electrical System Replacement project, located at 4747 Daisy Avenue, City of Long Beach, for \$43,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The proposed project involves replacing pumps P4 and P5 and the two obsolete diesel engines that power them at the Dominguez Pump Plant. Underground gas piping will be installed to serve the two new gas engines.

The recommended actions will also allow the District to purchase easements from the Long Beach Area Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, for the natural gas line and for ingress and egress purposes in conjunction with the Dominguez Pump Plant - Engine, Pumps, and Electrical System Replacement project by direct negotiations.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as residents of the County will benefit from continued flood control protection.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated cost for the construction of the project is \$1,700,000. The proposed purchase price of \$43,000, to acquire the easement interests, is a negotiated settlement and is representative of the fair market value. Funds for the construction contract and the easement acquisition are included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Flood Control District Fund Budget. A construction contract will be advertised for bids at a later date, contingent on your approval.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Long Beach Area Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, has agreed to accept payment of \$43,000 for their granting the easements and has signed the Easement document in favor of the District. Acquisitions in excess of \$25,000 must be approved by your Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The State CEQA Statutes and Guidelines require public agency decision-makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. The recommended environmental finding is required prior to approving the acquisition of the easements. This project is categorically exempt from CEQA, as specified in Sections 15301(b) and (d) of the State CEQA Statutes and Guidelines, and as specified in Classes 1(e), (i), and (l) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board.

Upon approval of the exemption by your Board, a \$25 handling fee will be paid to the County Clerk for filing the Notice of Exemption in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

None.

CONCLUSION

This action is in the best interest of the District. Two approved copies of this letter are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset Management)
Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel